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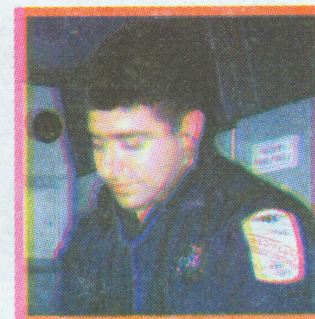


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## Student



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## UTPA peer educators Travel to conference

By PEDRO VILLANUEVA  
*The Pan American*

The UTPA Bacchus & Gamma Peer Education Network will attend the annual Bacchus & Gamma Area Six Spring Conference Friday and Saturday in San Antonio.

"This year's conference will consist of over 120 participants from across five states and Mexico," according to Jeanette Broshears, Director of the UTPA Alcohol and Drug Abuse Program.

The participants will be certified as peer educators and develop new programming and leadership skills.

Peer educators on campus promote sexual education and other college student issues.

## Clinton: First Lady would Be 'terrific' in U.S. Senate

By PAUL DE LA GARZA  
*Knight-Ridder Newspapers*

MERIDA, Mexico - In his first public musings on the subject, President Clinton said Monday that First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton "would be terrific" in the U.S. Senate and that he would support whatever decision she makes "enthusiastically."

In an exchange with reporters, Clinton was asked about a run by Mrs. Clinton to fill the seat of retiring U.S. Sen. Daniel Patrick Moynihan, D-N.Y.

"I think she would be terrific in the Senate, but that's a decision she will have to make," he said. "And for reasons I'm sure you'll understand, she hasn't had anything like adequate time to talk to the people who think she should do this, much less people who think perhaps she shouldn't."

But he added a note of caution: "She has a lot of other opportunities for public service that will be out there, and she and I both would like to continue to be useful in public affairs when we leave office."



-Shane James

Biology students Jennifer Teran, Cludia Ramos, and Manuel Tamez dissect a cat during their Anatomy and Physiology lab. The felines, which cost the Biology Department \$40 each, are unwanted strays gathered from humane societies across the country. Cats are chosen for study because of their abundance, as well as the similarities in their physiology to that of humans.

## SGA proposes changes for benefit of students

By YOLANDA GUERRERO  
*The Pan American*

The UTPA Student Government Association (SGA) has several plans to benefit students, including a revision of its constitution, according to Monica Treviño, SGA vice president. The SGA has been meeting several times a week recently to try and modify its current constitution.

"We would like for all students to participate in SGA, and we felt that many students were being misled by the constitution," said Treviño. Though the proposed changes cannot

be discussed at this time, the SGA assures students will be able to vote on them before any revision is adopted.

Other projects are also being worked on. The group has petitioned for pencil sharpeners to be placed in the science building, particularly classrooms where they are mostly needed. A book swap at the end of the semester is also being organized to allow students to exchange books, rather than buy them at the bookstore. Henkel said they want to help students save money.

The SGA also wants to get more courtesy phones around campus.

Currently the only courtesy phone is located in the University Library. Later this semester, the SGA plans to host a week long program about tolerance towards racial, sexual, and religious diversities.

Elections for SGA posts are scheduled for next month. Booths will be set up around campus to encourage students to exercise their voting right. Information will be available for students on how to become members. They will have the opportunity to express any ideas or opinions and changes they would like to see on campus.





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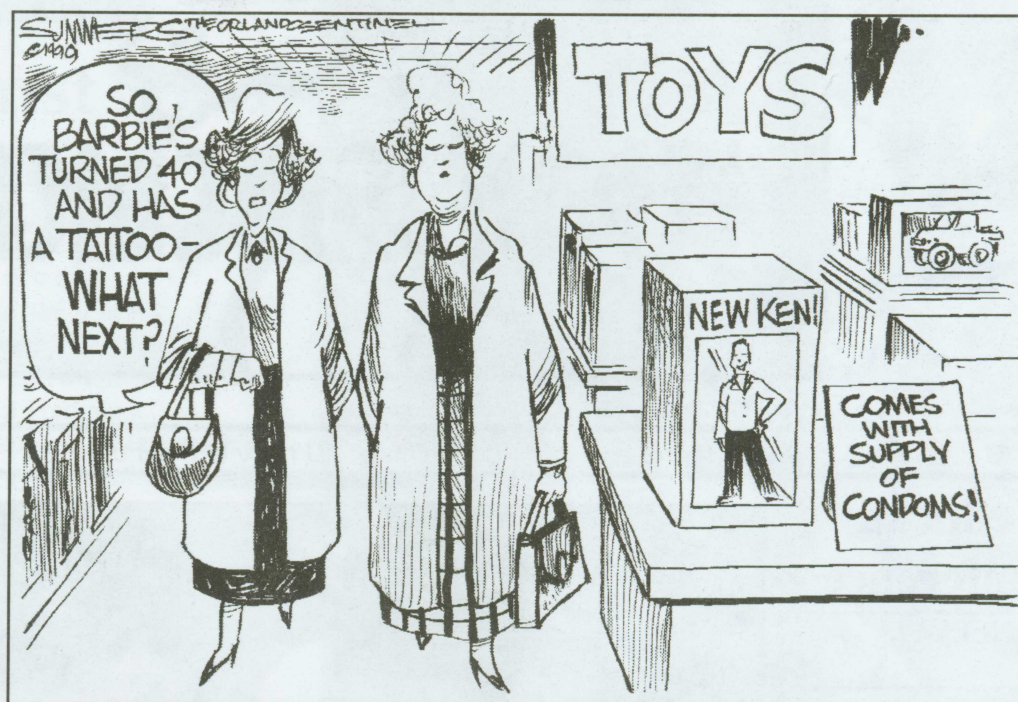
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## Barbies with tattoos Raise a few eyebrows

By **MARYLN SCHWARTZ**  
Knight-Ridder Newspapers

I have an aunt who is a doomsayer. But in this instance, I'm afraid she is all too right.

She has been watching all this mess going on on the Senate floor with pursed lips. All along, she has predicted that standards and decorum will now slip everywhere.

"Once behavior like this is discussed openly in the hallowed halls of law and government," my aunt has warned repeatedly, "who knows what other slips in taste are bound to follow?"

Well, they have, Aunt Dorothy, they really have.

Please sit down if this is coming as a complete shock. Barbie has gotten tattooed.

Yes, I'm talking about Barbie. That pristine doll who once wanted only to shop for designer clothes until she dropped now comes with a set of do-it-yourself wet-and-stick-on tattoos. OK, these stick-ons aren't whips and chains, just flowers and butterflies. But, still, the door has been opened.

And for every tattoo that goes on Barbie, there is one included for the little girl who buys her.

"It's too much," says nurse Nancy

Lenox. "Now they've gone too far. I saw this as a commercial on TV. I can just picture all those little girls running around in their new tattoos."

Lenox is a friend of mine. Frankly, she hasn't gotten anywhere near as upset over the Monica situation as she has over Barbie's tattoos.

Interns are in and out of fashion. But Barbie, for goodness' sake, is an institution.

"What are we going to have next?" Lenox wants to know. "A Barbie with body piercing?"

This is all part of the Mattel toy company's plan to bring Barbie into the 21st century. A spokesman for the company says the tattoo doll is proving popular.

I know the little girls love it, but what about their parents?

"Well, they've also made Barbie's figure more realistic," says Carol Pennington, a mother I talked to while browsing through a toy store. "A tasteful tattoo doesn't bother me. After all, my daughter can always wash off the Barbie kind. Lots of kids are getting tattoos. It's not the shock it used to be.

"But to have my daughter play with a doll with that impossible figure would make me feel a lot worse."

Just like any other out-of-the-ordi-

nary Barbie, the tattoo version is beginning to get a cult following. And it's adults who are buying it, just as much as kids.

"I collect outrageous toys," says Marianne Davis, a college student. "I know a girl at school who has her own tattoo and has had an artist friend paint the exact one on this new Barbie. It's quite a conversation piece."

This brings to mind what happened some years ago when the company came out with a Magic Earring Ken. This Ken doll had very blond hair, rather mod clothes and an earring in one ear.

I wasn't aware of this, but a friend tells me the doll was an instant hit, but not with little girls. It was heavily collected in the gay community.

This Ken doll is no longer being made. It is almost impossible to find one secondhand.

Toy marketers and a lot of parents like the idea of Barbie and Ken taking on a more worldly existence.

I asked several what they think will be Barbie's next foray.

"Anything that's in the spotlight," says mother-of-two Jan Higgins. "Well, let's just hope for Ken's sake, they don't come out with a Lorena Bobbitt Barbie."

**CORRECTION:** The Faculty profile of Dr. John Bokina in the February 10 issue of *The Pan American* incorrectly listed Dr. Bokina's trait least admired in a person as "Loyalty" instead of "Disloyalty." Dr. Bokina also advises his students to "pursue" their studies, not to "peruse" them. *The Pan American* regrets the error.



# Student Profile

- Jennifer Garcia



## Larry Hinojosa Jr.

“The phone rang... ‘Lauro Hinojosa, you’ve been accepted into the R.N. Program, come in to sign some papers,’ the voice said ... I quickly grabbed my keys and headed out the door.”

Out of 50 students accepted into the Associate Degree Nursing program in the Fall of 1997, only 29 remain. Larry Hinojosa Jr. is one of them. Through his high grades at school and a full-time job as a paramedic for MED-CARE, Hinojosa shows the ability to maintain a balance between school and work. He has worked in the medical field for seven years. For two, years he served the valley community as an EMT, and for the following five as a paramedic. His experience in the medical field is used in school as an aid to his fellow classmates. “I love my

**HOMETOWN:** Edinburg

**CLASSIFICATION:** Graduate

**CAMPUS INVOLVEMENT:** Former member of the Student Nursing Organization

**BEST THING ABOUT UTPA:** It’s close to home

**MAIN GRIPE:** Not enough parking space

**FAVORITE GETAWAY SPOT:** Padre Island

**HANDLE STRESS:** Fishing and Camping

**PERSONAL MOTTO:** Enjoy life to the fullest. Don’t let anyone or anything bring you down

**DREAM JOB:** Pediatric Critical Care Nurse

**BEST FEATURE:** Caring heart

**BEST ADVICE RECEIVED:** Keep going and never look back

**ADVICE TO COLLEAGUES:** What mama doesn’t know won’t hurt her.

**Role Model:** My father

# Campus Briefs

## Volunteer Service Fair to be held Tuesday

### UTPA Information Office

The Office of the Dean of Students will be sponsoring a Volunteer Service Fair to be held at noon Tuesday in the old science quad.

The event is designed to give students the opportunity to meet with representatives from several Valley community service agencies, and take the first step in becoming more involved in the community.

Being a volunteer allows students

to get valuable “real world” experience, and to gain exposure to different cultures and socio-economic communities.

Among the agencies being represented at the fair will be Community in Schools, the American Red Cross, Operation Happy Faces, the McAllen International Museum, CASA of Hidalgo County, Special Olympics, and the Food bank of the Rio Grande Valley.

## Annual Career Day offers students chance to Meet representatives from major corporations

### UTPA Information Office

The UTPA Office of Placement and Cooperative Education will host its 26th Annual Career Day from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. March 9 in the Field House.

Graduating students are strongly encouraged to attend Career Day, said Enedelia P. Kidd, director of placement and cooperative education at UTPA. “If this is the students’ last semester, they should be aware that this is a starting point for them as a way to network,” Kidd said.

She said all students, not just graduating seniors, will benefit from attending Career Day.

“Students can find out about their options, including co-ops and internships,” Kidd said, adding that this is a good opportunity for those who are still undecided to find out about different career paths.

She said Career Day will have “very good representation” from corporations and government agencies, particularly state and federal agencies.

“The government agencies will provide literature to inform students about who they are and what they do,” Kidd said, describing the agencies’ eagerness to recruit students.

Companies and agencies that have already confirmed their attendance at the event are Advanced Micro Devices, Blockbuster Inc., Bureau of Labor Statistics, Career Management Site, Coastal Bank, College Credit Card Corp., Dallas County MHMR, Diocese of Brownsville, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Federal Correctional Institution and the Federal Deposit Insurance Corp.

Also, H.E.B. Grocery Co., IBP Inc., JCPenney Co., Kimball Electronics Group, McAllen Police Dept., McDonald’s Corp., Merck & Company, Mutual of Omaha Insurance Companies, Pancho’s Mexican Buffet and Plastic Engineered Components Inc.

Fewer school districts are expected to be represented at this year’s Career Day than in the past, since there will be a separate Teacher Job Fair at UTPA in April.



# FEBRUARY

**18 ACTIVITY:** The 7th Annual Financial Aid Fair will be held from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. The fair will provide assistance in the completion of the Free Application for Federal Student Aid, 1998 Income Tax Forms from VITA volunteers, and university tours for high school students. For more information, call 381-2502.

**18 MEETING:** The Latina Student Organization will be meeting at Noon in LA 101. Topics for discussion will be creating self-defense classes and other activities for the semester.

**18 PRESENTATION:** The Philosophy Club will present "Sects and Violence: The Influence of Christianity on Militant Religious Movements in Asia" featuring Dr. Michael Faubion, Associate Professor of History at Noon in SBS 111. Everyone is welcome to attend.

**19-21 BASEBALL:** Broncs vs. Southwest Texas State at 4 p.m. Friday and 1 p.m. Saturday and Sunday at Jody Ramsey Stadium.

**19-21 CONCERT:** The Folkloric Dance Company and the Mariachi present *Alegria 98-99* concert of Mexican and Spanish music and dance at 7 p.m. Friday and 2 p.m. Saturday and Sunday in the

Fine Arts Auditorium. For ticket information, call 381-3471 or 381-2230.

**21 RECITAL:** The Music Department presents a Jr. Voice Recital featuring Rebecca Moczygamba at 8 p.m. in the Fine Arts Recital Hall.

**23 CLINIC:** Student Health Services will be holding a Skin Care Clinic from 8:30 - 11:30 a.m. with special pricing for students, faculty, and staff on removal of warts, skin tags, and treatment for acne and other skin problems. To make an appointment, call 381-2511.

**23 MEETING:** The Society for Human Resource Management will be meeting at Noon in the BA 223. Everyone is welcome to attend.

**23 MEETING:** The Pre-Medical/Bio-Medical Society will be meeting at Noon in the Science Building room 1.288. Everyone is welcome to attend.

**23 ACTIVITY:** The Office of the Dean of Students is sponsoring a Volunteer Service fair at Noon in the old science quad. You will have the opportunity to meet representatives from Valley community service agencies who will be handing out information.

**24-25 BLOOD DRIVE:** Student Health Services, in collaboration with United Blood Services will be holding a blood drive from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. in the Library lobby.

**25 ACTIVITY:** The Office of the Dean of Students in collaboration with Consumer Credit Counseling Service will be offering free credit counseling from Noon - 1:30 p.m. in UC 307 and 307-A. To make an appointment, call 381-2659.

**25 CLINIC:** The WIC Mobile Unit will be parked in front of Emilia Hall from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. WIC serves pregnant students and students who have children 5 years of age and under. For more information, call 381-2511.

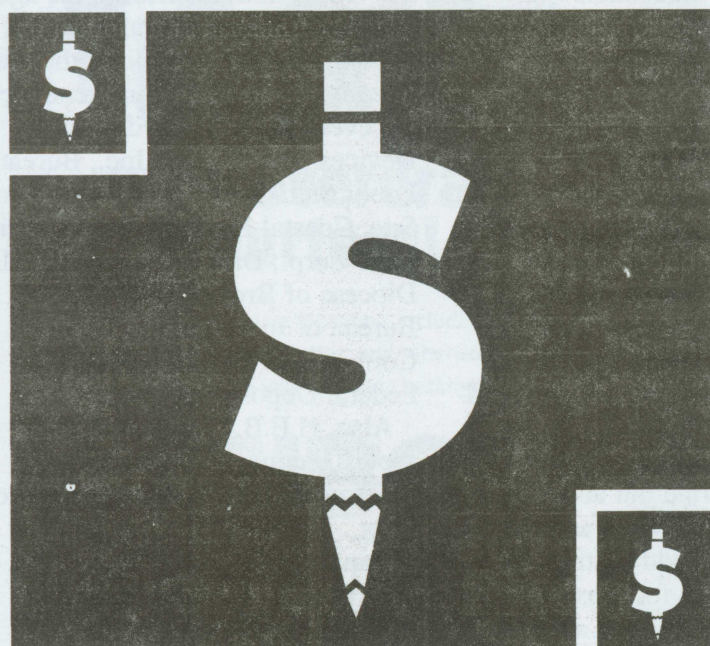
**26-27 BASEBALL:** Broncs vs. Incarnate Word at 4 p.m. Friday and 1 p.m. Saturday at Jody Ramsey Stadium.

## FOR INFORMATION

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Athletic Department	381-2221
Folkloric Dance	381-2230
Intramural office	381-3673
Music Department	381-3471
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If your club or organization has an upcoming campus activity, *The Pan American* would like to post it in this Calendar. Send it to COAS 170 by NOON Thursday at least one week in advance.

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# Bill may reverse Hopwood decision, make race an admissions factor

## Knight-Ridder Newspapers

AUSTIN, Texas – State Representative Irma Rangel, D-Kingsville, has proposed a bill to allow Texas public universities to consider race, ethnicity and national origin as factors in college admissions.

Supporters say the bill could reverse some effects of the 1997 Hopwood decision by the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals.

The court ruling and its subsequent interpretation by former Attorney General Dan Morales effectively ended the use of affirmative action at public institutions of higher education in Texas.

Rangel, chair of the House Higher Education Committee, proposed a similar bill last session, but the bill was left pending in the committee and did not reach the House floor.

Bruce Walker, director of

UT admissions, said, if this bill passes, it would return the University admissions process to pre-Hopwood status where racial consideration could be used.

"The unknown in all of this is the legality of it," Walker said. "But assuming everything passes muster legally, then I'm sure that's what we'd do."

According to information provided by Rangel's office, Morales's interpretation of the ruling established three requirements for the consideration of race in admissions, scholarships or other programs: the Legislature or a court would have to prove past discrimination, show existing effects of that discrimination, and create a program to remedy those effects.

The proposed bill could meet these criteria if the Legislature declared that

Texas public universities have discriminated against blacks and Hispanics in the past and the effects of that discrimination continue into the present.

Ray Farabee, general counsel for the UT System, said the bill contains the elements established in the Hopwood case and other related cases that allow the consideration of race.

But the authority of the Legislature to declare the existence of past discrimination and its present effects may be disputed, Farabee said.

"Those elements appear to be in Representative Rangel's bill," he said. "The question would be the authority of the Legislature to make the finding, as well as the finding [itself]."

While the Legislature could not override a decision by the federal court, Farabee said a

state law could fall within the narrow range of circumstances that authorize the use of race, depending on the interpretation of the language of Hopwood and related cases.

The injunction that was applied to the UT School of Law which prevented the use of race as a factor in its admissions could also be a problem in the application of this bill, Farabee said.

Felicia Enuha, a biochemistry junior, said she may testify to the present effects of past discrimination in higher education before the House Higher Education Committee.

Enuha said in addition to pointing out low rates of minority enrollment and graduation, she will speak about her personal experiences as a minority in a Texas public university.

"The thing that people for-

get about the whole situation is the fact that this university has not recovered from the discrimination in the past," Enuha said, adding that minorities on campus can feel like outsiders.

Marc Levin, executive director of the Campaign for a Colorblind America and a UT alum, said his organization will address legislators about problems it has found with the bill.

Levin said he believed the bill is an attempt to try to nullify the Hopwood decision.

"The state Legislature does not have the authority to override that decision because the federal law is superior to the state law," Levin said.

Levin said his organization does not support the legislation because it allows decisions to be based on race and not merit.

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# Horoscope

**Aries** (March 21-April 19) By now you should know how to play by the rules, and that's important, because when you do that, you can go a lot faster. And if you've been doing the homework, you'll have the skills you need to take off like a rocket and land safely on your upcoming expedition.

**Taurus** (April 20-May 20) The sun is going into Pisces. Pisces is in your solar 11th house of teams and friends, so teamwork is going to be the big focus for the next month or so. Even if you have a heavy load, you're not going to be pulling it all by yourself, starting now.

**Gemini** (May 21-June 21) Today, you'll know who your friends are. They're bringing you good luck, but also a little stern coaching. That's important, because sometimes you get sidetracked. As the sun goes into Pisces tomorrow, your career opportunities start opening up.

**Cancer** (June 22-July 22) An older person could get on your case today, noting every place where you've bent the rules. Don't you just love it when this happens? The good news is that you should do well on this little exam.

**Leo** (July 23-Aug. 22) This is the first day the sun is in Pisces. Its effects should start to become noticeable, but it's a little difficult to tell, since the moon in Aries makes you feel so vibrant and alive.

**Virgo** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) There's more than enough money, if you know where to get it. Today, you could get it with the help of your partner. The two of you could take out a loan for something you'd like to do at home.

**Libra** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Looks like a strong, assertive type is trying to get your attention. That's

OK with you. You kind of like that sort of person. You're more attractive than assertive, yourself. You'd rather draw people to you than go running after them.

**Scorpio** (Oct. 24-Nov. 21) The work is finally starting to come in, and there's plenty of it. You're going to have to move quickly in order to keep up. Your mind may still be on your personal life, but you're going to have to set that aside, just for a little while.

**Sagittarius** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) There's no shortage of love now. What you'd like to do is run off together to distant places. But if you're really going to go "heads California, tails Carolina," make the commitment to each other first.

**Capricorn** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) You're feeling more intelligent, or at least more curious. You're interested in what's going on around you, and you'll be asking questions. You might even cause a bit of disruption around your house tonight.

**Aquarius** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) You're learning quickly today, and if you're wise, you'll still be learning about money. That will be your theme for the next several weeks. You'll probably have less pocket change because you've thought of new ways to spend it, so be careful.

**Pisces** (Feb. 19-March 20) You feel like spending money today, and since you love to buy presents for everybody, that's the first thing that comes to mind. You see how many people need things you could provide, and that's just exactly what you want to do. Save enough for food and rent.

Linda Black  
Tribune Media Services



—Shane James

Officer Mike Cavazos asks two unidentified men to leave campus Wednesday. According to UTPA Police Department communications officer Manuel Martinez, the men were asked to leave because they were not authorized by the University to solicit credit applications on campus.

## A clued-in Silverstone makes blast from her past

By MARK KENNEDY  
Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — The life of a 20-something movie mogul can be rough. Your faxes get ignored, the tabloids always smell blood, and above all, bad scripts are piling up.

"Hollywood has gotten pretty bad," proclaims Alicia Silverstone, a 22-year-old former video vixen in her Manhattan hotel room. "Some of the most popular movies of this year insult my intelligence."

"I just don't understand as human beings how we can want to be rich before wanting to educate," she says. "Why do we teach people to be as nasty and disgusting as we can just to make money? It's sick and I would never want to be a part of it."

But, of course, Silverstone has been a part of it — pretty much since her 1993 debut in "The Crush" as a low-rent, predatory Lolita who fakes her own rape and delivers such offhand gems as, "Nick, ever do a virgin?"

"I never thought of it as a sexual role. I was 15! But when I went back to my notes, I wrote really sexual things in there for my character. I wrote really crazy things," Silverstone says. "I was 15 years old! I didn't even know what I was writing. I don't even know what that stuff means now!

How did I know what it meant then?"

Yet with her wide eyes, blond hair and Valley Girl allure, Alicia (pronounced A-lee-see-ah) continued being cast as the come-hither Dream Date to an audience of adolescent boys.

There was the sexpot lead in "The Babysitter," the goofy wannabe detective in "True Crime," the flirtatious daughter in "Hideaway" and her wild-girl roles in three, one-word-titled Aerosmith music videos — "Cryin'," "Amazing" and "Crazy."

"I have no regrets," Silverstone says. "I don't want to do movies that don't challenge me, that don't move me. So I would not choose to do something that involved, like, screaming for two hours. That would be boring."

Was that, perhaps, a not-so-subtle dig at some of her peers? After all, haven't a whole herd of twentysomething actors made their mark by yelling their heads off in such teen slasher movies as "Scream," and "I Know What You Did Last Summer"?

"The problem with young people and the reason they make their choices is probably because they think they want to make it while they can," she says. "Now! Make a lot! Quantity, not quality — it's all about how fast I can do it and what's going to make me

more famous."

Everything changed for Silverstone after "Clueless" in 1995. Critics and audiences alike were delighted by her Cher, a fast-talking Beverly Hills Betty who struggles with her own shallow materialism.

"If you're going to play someone flighty, you have to be really smart," says Silverstone. "It wouldn't work if you don't have the depth. The idea is that it comes off as easy and painless, but you have to have a lot going on."

Renny Harlin, who co-produced Silverstone's latest romantic comedy, "Blast From the Past," was impressed to find that the actress' bubbly on-screen image was a far cry from the intense young woman he met on the set.

"Alicia is very intelligent, very mature, more like an artsy thinker than your usually Hollywood starlet who likes to go to parties and hang out with the cool people and get her picture taken," Harlin says.

Having been through the industry wringer, Silverstone returns after a two-year lull with her new fish-out-of-water comedy and has begun shooting "Love's Labour's Lost," a Shakespeare comedy adapted into a musical by Kenneth Branagh.



## West Hollywood mayor defends Tinky Winky

Associated Press

WEST HOLLYWOOD, Calif. — The mayor of this city, which has a large gay population, is defending Tinky Winky against the Rev. Jerry Falwell's claim that the Teletubby is a poor role model because he is purple, carries a red handbag and sometimes wears a tutu.

"Tinky Winky is an innocent, innocuous icon for preschoolers," Mayor Steve Martin said.

Falwell's article in the February edition of his National Liberty Journal questioned Tinky Winky's sexuality, noting the "hand-bag" and tutu. Tinky Winky, the article said, is "the gay pride color" - purple - and has antenna shaped like a triangle, "the gay pride symbol."

"As a Christian I felt that role modeling

the gay lifestyle is damaging to the moral lives of children," Falwell said in a statement Thursday.

"It really speaks to Falwell's unhealthy obsession with gay issues," Martin said. "Pretty soon he's going to be checking out what Ronald McDonald is downloading off the Internet."

"Here in West Hollywood, I run into lots of gay men every day," he said. "I don't know one who carries a purse."

Tinky Winky is one of four Teletubbies, whose children's television show is widely popular among toddlers in the United States and Britain. The Teletubbies, played by actors in brightly colored costumes, speak a baby babble, live in a fantasy land and have television screens in their stomachs.

## Iran summons Indian envoy Over Rushdie visa, report

Associated Press

TEHRAN, Iran — Iran has asked India to explain why it granted a visa to British author Salman Rushdie, a newspaper reported Wednesday.

The Iranian Foreign Ministry summoned India's ambassador to Tehran, R.S. Rathore, to seek clarification, according to the moderate Sobh-e Emrooz daily, quoting informed sources at the ministry.

The paper, which is known to be close to President Mohammad Khatami, said Rathore promised the Foreign Ministry to provide it with "sufficient clarification."

It did not say when Rathore was summoned and no Indian Embassy official was available to comment on the report.

The Indian-born Rushdie spent nearly a decade in hiding after Iran's late spiritual leader Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini called for his death in 1989, saying his book "The Satanic Verses" had insulted Islam.

The Iranian government in September distanced itself from the death decree, making Rushdie feel freer to travel. But Iranian hard-liners have since stressed that the religious order cannot be lifted.

Earlier this month, an Iranian newspaper suggested that Rushdie could be killed by Indian Muslims. India has confirmed that it has granted a visa to Rushdie, who now lives in Britain, but his travel plans are unknown.



—Shane James

Abel Saenz, transfer student from Oregon, takes a break and helps himself to some pizza from the snack bar.

## World renowned rock group Honored for Virginia roots

By DOMINIC PERELLA

Associated Press

RICHMOND, Va. — Dave Matthews is used to teen-age girls chasing him, but inside the staid halls of a state capitol?

On Monday, dozens of girls and boys who work as pages in the state Senate and House of Delegates rushed through the halls to catch a glimpse of the world-famous rocker.

"Oh my God," said an awed Mary Reid Ervin, 14, as she looked out the House of Delegates door and saw Matthews chatting with reporters. "I'm so excited. I'm just afraid I won't be able to take a picture with him because I'm supposed to stand here."

Not to worry. Seconds later, Mary got permission to leave her post to get the picture. "It was so cool," she said.

Front man Matthews and the rest of the Dave Matthews Band, which has sold more than 13 million records in the last five years, were officially lauded as local boys made good in resolutions the General Assembly adopted.

The band - Matthews, Boyd Tinsley, Carter Beauford, LeRoi

Moore and Stefan Lessard - calls Charlottesville home. Their first gig was on the rooftop of an apartment building there, and they became a fixture at bars near the University of Virginia. Now their concerts sell out stadiums worldwide.

"The support we've received from all the people in Virginia has made it possible to achieve what we have," Matthews said.

In the Senate, Sen. Emily Couric, D-Charlottesville, told her colleagues the band was being honored for contributing to charities like the Boys & Girls Club and for remembering Virginia as they've climbed the charts.

In the House of Delegates, the band ran into an old acquaintance Del. Paul Harris of Albemarle County. Harris, a conservative Republican, graduated from high school with Tinsley and grew up with Beauford and Moore. While they pursued rock 'n' roll, Harris became a lawyer and was elected to the House seat Thomas Jefferson once held.

"Of course, I went on to become a Republican, but that's the way the world is," said Harris, drawing laughs and applause from the band members.

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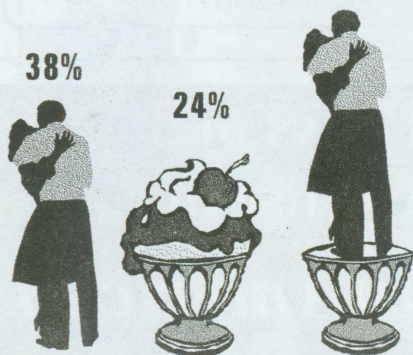
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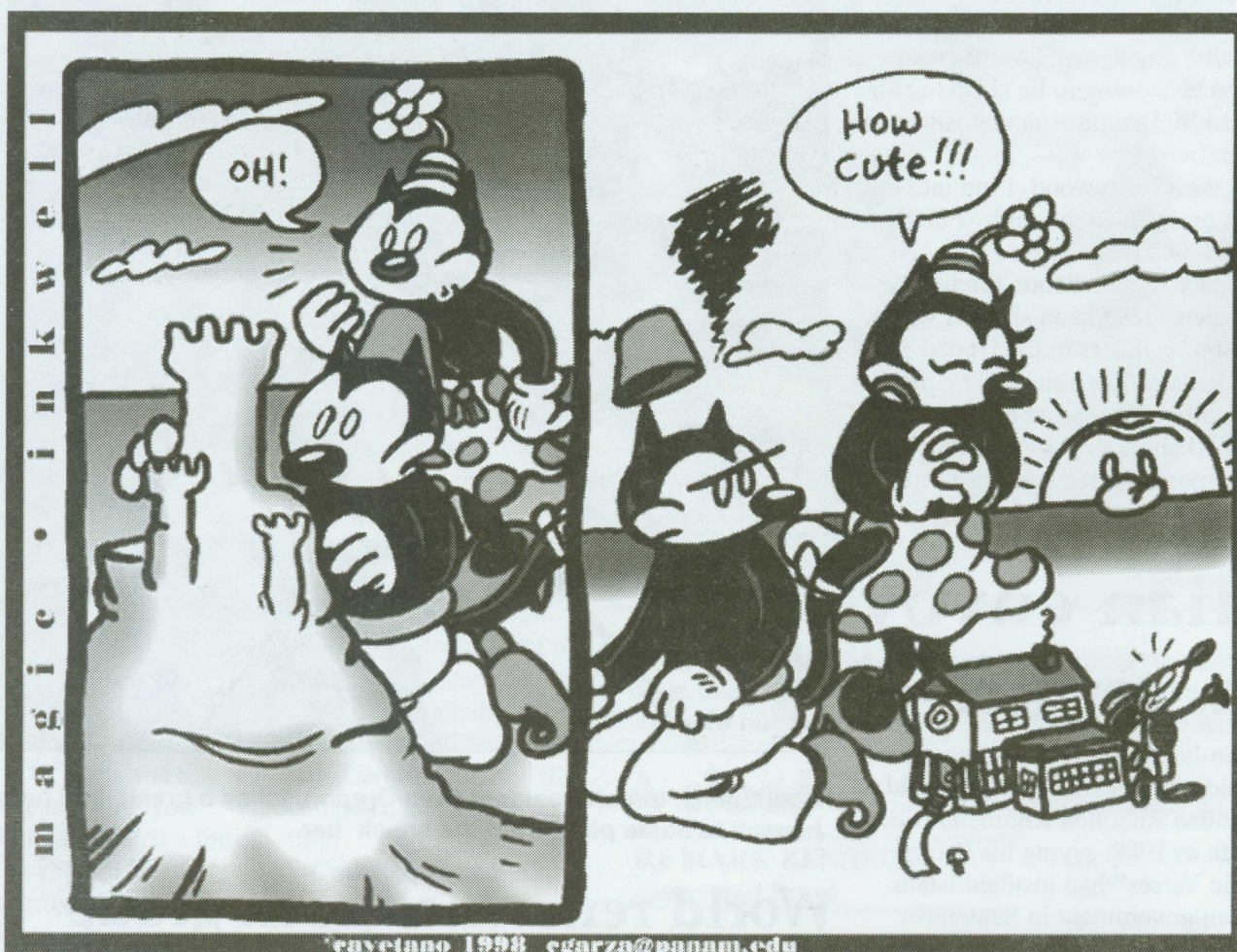
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## Porn clip accidentally shown during 'Simpsons' in East Texas

LONGVIEW, Texas (AP) – Homer Simpson wasn't the only one exclaiming "Doh!" after a snippet of a pornographic movie aired across East Texas during a broadcast of "The Simpsons."

During a Wednesday night repeat episode of the show, about four x-rated seconds reached the homes of thousand of viewers who were watching Longview station KFXK and Lufkin station KFXL between 6 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.

Quick reactions from station employees ended the peep show, said Mark McKay, general manager for both stations.

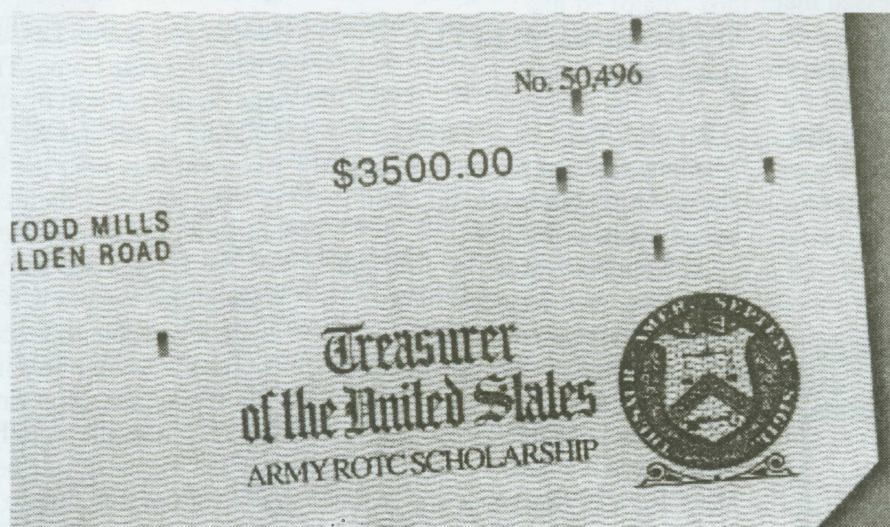
"The operator that was on board, after he got over the shock, reacted as quickly as I could ask anyone to do," McKay said.

After switching to a station promotional clip, the tape operator fast-forwarded past the 20-second scene, and resumed broadcasting "The Simpsons," McKay said.

Minutes later, the station scrolled a written message across the bottom of the screen, apologizing and promising an investigation.

The operator who was responsible for viewing the tape to ensure it was of on-air quality was fired 40 minutes after the broadcast and the station was investigating, he said.

Two suppliers make the tapes and send them to the station, which copies them and returns the original, he said. The tape was dubbed Dec. 19.



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# Trial opens for suspect accused In Jasper death of black man

## Knight-Ridder Newspapers

JASPER, Texas — John William King was a hate-filled racist who dragged James Byrd Jr. to death because he needed a “dramatic” act to get respect for his new Ku Klux Klan group, jurors were told as arguments opened in his capital murder trial Tuesday.

The trail of evidence — from his cigarette lighter to his blood-splattered shoes and his DNA on cigarette butts — led police to King, and his racist writings, statements and tattoos explained why he committed the June 7 slaying, Jasper County District Attorney Guy James Gray told jurors.

King is the first of three defendants to stand trial for the slaying of Byrd, a 49-year-old disabled black man. All face the death penalty if convicted.

Gray told reporters that he would prove that King and the other two ex-convicts carried out the most vicious racial killing since the bloodiest days of the civil rights era.

King's lawyers declined to give an opening statement Tuesday and refused to answer reporters' questions about their strategy or the impact of the prosecution's first day.

Much of Tuesday's testimony focused on the frantic investigation that ensued after Byrd's nude, mangled body was discovered at the end of Huff Creek Road.

In his opening statement, Mr. Gray said DNA evidence showed that all three defendants smoked cigarettes in the area where the dragging began and that one, Mr. Brewer, drank a beer.

A watch, a wallet, black-and-white tennis shoes and two shirts later identified as Mr. Byrd's were found in the area, along with a nut driver tool inscribed with the name “Berry.”

By nightfall, the sheriff said, his investigators and Jasper police had learned that a witness had seen Mr. Byrd riding in the back of a gray pickup the previous night. Authorities had also linked the name “Berry” to Mr. Berry, a 24-year-old movie theater manager who drove an aging gray pickup.

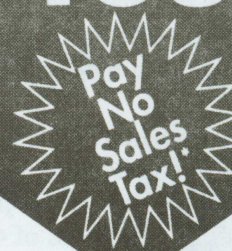
He was known to be living with Mr. King, an ex-convict who had acquired the nickname “Possum” in prison, the sheriff testified. And when Mr. Berry was brought into the Sheriff's Department, a search of his gray truck turned up what appeared to be blood and a set of engraved tools matching the nut driver found at the dragging scene, the sheriff said.

Defense attorneys questioned the sheriff and other law enforcement witnesses about their evidence-gathering techniques in what appeared to be an effort to challenge the validity of DNA and other laboratory testing that ties their client to the slaying.

They also objected repeatedly when prosecutors tried to introduce such evidence as the body pictures and Mr. King's Klan documents and letters from prison.

Testimony continues on Wednesday with the presentation of DNA evidence. Prosecutors said they also expected to begin showing jurors Mr. King's large collection of racist and “satanic” tattoos.

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# Lady Broncs eye potential records at Wofford

By Joe Leal  
Sports Editor

Going into their game with Wofford College the UTPA Lady Broncs find themselves flirting with the record books in more ways than one.

With their seventh victory of the season Monday night against Schreiner, UTPA still eyes the opportunity at finishing the season with 10 victories—a feat that has occurred only three times in Lady Broncs history, two of which came in the 90's.

"It definitely gives our team a sense of purpose," said assistant coach Rod Lee. "From the 10-win season to the steals and the rebound records, those reasons give the ladies the extra incentive to finish their season on a strong note."

Halligan's seven victories this season are the most in her three-year tenure as head coach.

After scoring 1446 total points and averaging 56 points per game in her first season, the '98 Lady Broncs have improved their team scoring average to 52 points a game scoring 1488 points—the most under Halligan.

"Everyone has maintained a constant state of improvement. Several of our players have taken their skills to a higher level," said Lee.

Several Lady Broncs either chase or add on to some individual records.

Center Julie Shakin needs just 14 rebounds to tie the record of 457 held by Angela Casas.

She is also 27 points away from fourth all-time in scoring just behind Cheryl Boyle's mark of 690.

With her 10 points against Schreiner, Shakin remains one of three Lady Broncs that averages over nine points, at 9.3. Cheveron Terry leads UTPA with 9.8 points per game, while Cara Steed is second at 9.4 per contest.

Freshman Lindsay Jacques and senior Jenny Rae Gaytan add on to their records in the steals category.

Not only did Jacques tie the single game record with nine steals in their loss to LSU, she set a new single season mark with 64 steals on the season. Gaytan finishes second all-time with 98.

The Lady Broncs play South Carolina State on Saturday and finish in Denver.



—Bert Gonzalez

Senior Julie Shakin heads into tonight's game in search of the Lady Broncs rebounding record.

Arechiga finishes 32nd as Broncs struggle in Victoria

## UTPA Sports Information

VICTORIA—The UTPA golf team shot a collective 300 to finish tied for 16th place at the 19-team Southwest Golf Classic at Victoria Country Club.

UTPA was led by Luis Arechiga who tied for 32nd firing rounds of 76-76-75.

The Broncs finished tied for 16th place with Abilene Christian, beating Michigan State and Louisiana Tech.

Toby Grubert shot 232, Manuel Inman 233, Steven Slaughter 238 and Miguel De Los Santos 240 for the Broncs.

The University of Colorado ran away with team honors, but Jimmy Walker of Baylor fired a 69 Tuesday to become individual winner of the tournament.

Walker produced rounds of 74-73-69 to emerge even par at 216.

Ryan Grant of Vanderbilt tied for fourth with Matthew Zions of Colorado, the first-day leader at 70-73 who skied to a 75 for a 218.



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# NBA Roundup

Associated Press

Here is a glimpse of Tuesday night's NBA action.

## Cleveland 90 Orlando 78

Vitaly Potapenko, starting in place of injured center Zydrunas Ilgauskas, scored 16 points and the Cleveland Cavaliers won their third straight game over the Orlando Magic.

Shawn Kemp added 18 points, Johnny Newman had a season-high 15 and Bob Sura had 10 points and 10 assists for the Cavs, who evened their record at 3-3 despite being without the 7-foot-3 Ilgauskas.

## Sacramento 101 Boston 98

Vlade Divac cleared a rebound to Jon Barry to start a fastbreak ending in Corliss Williamson's short jumper in the lane with 7.5 seconds remaining, drawing a foul and completing the three-point play, lifting the Kings to a 101-98 victory over the Boston Celtics.

Williamson and Webber each finished with 22 points. Webber also had 15 rebounds.

## Houston 109 Phoenix 92

Olajuwon had his expected 19 points and 11 rebounds and led a key third quarter charge, as Othella Harrington had 17 points and 13 rebounds filling in for Charles Barkley as the Houston Rockets beat the Phoenix Suns 109-92.

The Rockets won their fifth straight game and ended Phoenix's nine-game road winning streak.

Scottie Pippen had 19 points, 12 rebounds and nine assists. Matt Bullard added 14 points, including four of five from 3-point range.

## New Jersey 97 Detroit 82

Keith Van Horn and newly signed Damon Jones teamed together to provide the spark Tuesday to lift the Nets to a 97-82 victory over the Detroit Pistons.

Van Horn tallied a career-high 35 points as the Nets snapped a three-game losing streak and improved to 2-4, while Jones came off the bench to score 10 fourth-period points and send the Pistons (3-4) to their fourth straight setback.

## Milwaukee 93 Philadelphia 92

Glen Robinson's 18-foot jumper with one-tenth of a second remaining gave the Bucks a 93-92 victory over the Philadelphia 76ers.

Robinson took a pass from Ray Allen, who couldn't get off a shot in the lane, and hit the game-winner to keep Milwaukee in first place in the Central Division.

Allen Iverson scored 17 of his 23 points in the second half, and Theo Ratliff had 21 points, 13 rebounds, and eight blocks for Philadelphia. Tyrone Hill and Dell Curry tallied 16 points apiece for Milwaukee, while Brandon finished with 15. Robinson led the Bucks with 18 points.

## Seattle 71 Utah 56

The Seattle Sonics improved their record to 6-0 by holding the previously undefeated Utah Jazz to a regular-season franchise-low point total with a 71-56 victory.

Led by Gary Payton's 17 points and 11 rebounds, the Sonics held the cold-shooting, tired Jazz to 21-for-68 shooting, 30.9 percent.

Vin Baker had three blocks and two steals for Seattle. Olden Polynice, the Sonics' new starting center, had 10 rebounds.

## Men's Tennis takes on Arizona

HOUSTON—After their 4-3 victory against UTSA, the UTPA men's tennis will have all they can handle against the University of Arizona this weekend in Houston.

Javier Cuesta currently holds the best singles record at 2-1 with his last win coming against Brad Williams of UTSA.

His brother Jorge looks to get on track with his first singles win of the season.

Rafael Gonzalez, Enrique Bastante, along with Freshmen Fredrick Darmont and Cesar Vargas look to improve their 1-2 spring singles records.

In doubles, the Broncos enjoyed some success. Against UTSA they dropped just one match.

According to Intercollegiate Tennis Association rankings Arizona currently ranks in the top 50 in division I competition.

Matches begin Friday at 11 a.m.

Saturday, the Broncos stay in Houston to take on the Rice Owls. Afterwards they head on to Beaumont for matches against Centenary and Lamar University on Sunday.

## Merriweather's 27 not enough Against Udezue and Wyoming

LARAMIE—Sophomore Brian Merriweather scored 27 points as the UTPA Broncos lost their 20th game of the season 103-85 to the University of Wyoming Tuesday night.

The Broncos are now 4-20 on the season and face the University of Denver tonight for the second time this season.

Merriweather shot 11-of-30 from the field and is currently fourth in the country in scoring just behind Minnesota's Quincy Lewis.

Ugo Udezue led the way for the Cowboys, scoring 32 points and bringing down 15 rebounds.

Down 39-30 at the half, Wyoming used a 17-6 second-half run to secure a 23-point lead with 9:09 left in the game.

Four other Broncos scored in double figures. John Braxton scored 15, Kirby Lemmons chipped in with 10, and Matt Palmquist had 12.

Lalo Rios recorded a double-double, scoring 11 points to go along with 12 rebounds and seven assists.

Shooting percentages tell some of the story as the Broncos shot 36.9 percent for the game. They struggled from three-point land, shooting only 24 percent, hitting on 7-of-29.

## Houston businessman optimistic About bringing NFL franchise

Associated Press

HOUSTON—NFL commissioner Paul Tagliabue told potential NFL franchise hopefuls in Houston and Los Angeles not to attend a meeting in Atlanta next week to discuss which city will get the league's 32nd franchise.

Houston businessman Bob McNair and two Los Angeles groups were scheduled to be at the owners' meeting to make presentations but Tagliabue told all three groups Tuesday the owners had decided that the session in Atlanta would be for discussion only and no final decisions would be made.

McNair was not discouraged by the notice.

"I think it's a reflection of the challenge that the commissioner has in trying to develop a consensus to go ahead and expand," McNair said.

All three groups made presentations at the Super Bowl. A decision could be reached at the NFL meetings in Phoenix next month.

Although Los Angeles is considered the favorite over Houston because of its

large media market, McNair said the delays in reaching a decision meant Houston still was in the running.

"What this shows is that in spite of all the talk of Los Angeles being the second largest media market and they have a lock on the franchise, this shows they don't," McNair said. "It's not a decision for LA. The reason is we probably have more votes than they (Los Angeles) do."

"The NFL wants to be in both cities, Los Angeles and Houston, but those who thought LA would steamroll Houston, they've got another thought coming. It ain't going to happen."

Houston has proposed a \$310 million retractable-roof stadium in the parking lot of the current Astrodome. Taxpayers would provide \$195 million of the cost.

Steve Patterson, executive vice president of McNair's Houston NFL Holdings, Inc., thinks Houston still has a chance.

"There has certainly been reporting that the game is over," Patterson said. "If the game was over, I think they would be voting on Feb. 16. Obviously, they're still working on it."



# Tredaway looks to keep Things simple against SWT

By Joe Leal  
Sports Editor

With last week's success against the UTSA Roadrunners, Bronc baseball coach Reggie Tredaway looks for his players to continue the same level of play against the visiting Southwest Texas State Bobcats.

"My biggest concern is taking care of the basics," said Tredaway. "Offensively we need some quality at-bats."

As a team, the Broncs are batting .276 with right-fielder Steve Garza leading with a .410 average.

The Bronc four-game sweep involved two games won in the last inning by one run.

"The guys had a good series. They didn't give up and hung in there," said Tredaway.

Pitching was also stellar for the Broncs. Omar Ortiz and Jason Bottenfield both pitched solid complete games. For Bottenfield, it was his first complete game of the season.

In seven innings of work, Bottenfield struck out a season high seven batters while allowing one earned run on two hits.

"We knew he had it in him. He's got a tendency to be a little wild, but he went out there and dominated later in the game," said Tredaway.

Despite the success of last week's series, Tredaway maintains his club still has a lot of work to get done.

"We are not where we need to be," said Tredaway. "We just need to make the routine plays out on the field ... that's what I'm asking for."

T.J. Bartosh and shortstop Dusty Hart continue to shine, both collecting 14 hits so far this season while going a combined 5-of-6 in stolen bases.

Friday's projected starter is Ortiz, with game time set for 4 p.m. at Jody Ramsey Stadium.

Bottenfield and 6-foot-7 Joey Cole set for Saturday's noon doubleheader.

Scott Green will take the mound on Sunday at 1 p.m.



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